

House File 2124 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO SF 2039 BY
KINNEY)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act allowing the use of a leashed dog to retrieve a wounded
- 2 deer and providing a penalty.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.56A Retrieval of wounded deer
2 by leashed dogs.

3 A person having a valid hunting license and a valid deer
4 hunting license who has wounded a deer while hunting may use a
5 dog to locate and retrieve the wounded deer. The hunter or any
6 person in the company of the hunter shall not possess a firearm
7 or bow while using a dog in this manner and shall have the
8 dog leashed and under control at all times during the search.
9 A person shall obtain permission from the owner or tenant of
10 private property before using a dog to locate a wounded deer
11 on the private property. The commission shall adopt rules
12 pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
14 2018, is amended to read as follows:

15 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,
16 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.56A, 481A.60 through, 481A.61,
17 481A.62, 481A.83, 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145,
18 subsection 3, sections 483A.6A, 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23,
19 483A.24, and 483A.28, the scheduled fine is twenty-five
20 dollars.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill creates new Code section 481A.56A to allow a
25 hunter with a valid hunting license and deer hunting license
26 who wounds a deer while hunting to use a dog to locate and
27 retrieve the wounded deer. The hunter or any person in the
28 company of the hunter shall not possess a firearm or bow while
29 using a dog in this manner and shall have the dog leashed and
30 under control at all times during the search. A person must
31 obtain permission from the owner or tenant before using a dog
32 to locate a wounded deer on private property. The natural
33 resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter
34 17A to implement this provision.

35 A violation of the new provision is punishable by a scheduled

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1 fine of \$25.